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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Brunswick Harbor Modifications project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The funding would be used for the Construction phase of a Corps of Engineers project to modify the existing federal navigation channel at the Port of Brunswick. The project area includes the Brunswick Harbor, located in the lower part of southeastern Georgia on the Atlantic Coast.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Port of Brunswick is one of the nation's busiest hubs for the import and export of vehicles and heavy equipment. Today, more than a dozen major auto manufacturers rely on Brunswick's Colonel's Island Terminal to move over 650,000 auto and machinery units per year.

The proposed project modifies the current footprint of the Federal channel on the Brunswick River and Turtle River located between St. Simons Sound and Colonel's Island Terminal, where RO/RO vessels are experiencing navigation difficulties. The Corps of Engineers Recommended Plan for Project Improvements includes a combination of a bend widener, turning basin expansion, and meeting area at St. Simons Sound.

The recommended plan would contribute to national economic development with an average annual net benefit of \$2,324,000 and a benefit-cost ratio of 4.7 to 1. No significant environmental impacts are expected from implementation of the recommended plan.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 8401 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2022. (Public Law No: 117-263).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Earl L. "Buddy" Carter  
Member of Congress